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1. Congo

About 800 refugees had been evacuated from Stanleyville by this morning, with about 500 more to go. Sporadic firing continues in the city, and Van Der Walle estimates it will take three more days to clean out all the rebels.

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2. South Vietnam

Pressures on Huong are mounting even though he has dealt firmly with continuing demonstrations. The High National Council is to meet tomorrow, when more demonstrations are probable. Further details are in Annex 1. As General Taylor departed for Washington, Peiping reaffirmed its pledge of general support to North Vietnam.

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4. Panama

Another student rally is scheduled for this evening. We think, however, that the national guard will be able to keep matters under control.

5. Cambodia

Sihanouk, in another about face, now says that he will send someone to Peiping to talk to the North Vietnamese about border problems. A friendly message from Hanoi apparently has made him change his mind since yesterday. As far as one can tell, the proposed meeting with the US in New Delhi on improving relations is still off.

6. Article 19

U Thant is working on a plan to set up a negotiating committee on the arrears problem, during whose deliberations the Assembly would meet, but not vote on anything. It is just possible that the Soviets might go along with some variation on this, since Dobrynin has said that Moscow would agree to a study committee to report at the end of the session.

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7. Brazil

Castello Branco has apparently given in to pressure to crack down in Goias State, where army investigators have charged the governor with pro-Goulart subversion. The governor himself is immune to arrest, but the military have picked up many of his subordinates. So far, the federal government seems to have taken no action it could not defend legally.

8. Turkey

The widely popular opposition Justice Party seems determined to stand up to recent intimidation by the military. At a party convention this week a resolution is to be introduced asserting parliamentary control of the army which could bring a strong reaction from the military.

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9. India

Communist factions in Kerala State, which have threatened to win power legally before, are mending their differences in anticipation of state-wide election next February. They are collectively gaining at the expense of the Congress Party, aided by Shastri's bungling of the food problem. The February elections will end the system of direct rule from New Delhi in effect since September.

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ANNEX 1

The Situation in Saigon

The demonstrations initially appear to have been instigated by various civilian politicians, and by Brigadier General Do Mau, a vice premier under Khanh, and a critic of Huong. The Buddhists say they have not been responsible, but admit that some of their activists have participated.

The rival Buddhist leaders, Tri Quang and Tam Chau, may, however, be moving in for the kill. Both are now demanding dissolution of the present government and threatening new demonstrations unless all arrested rioters are released.

The military has so far backed up Huong, but this may not remain the case if the demonstrations go on much longer.

US Embassy sources in the labor movement say that chief of state Suu is furious at Huong and is disillusioned with him. They say Suu is actively canvassing support from the Buddhists and the Catholics for a replacement for Huong.